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HERE'S A NEW STAR FOR BURLESQUE SHOWS

Mason Mitchell, Actor-Rough Rider, Has Joined Bryant & Watson's Company, and the Ladies in Tights Are Happy.

ERNEST HOGAN, THE COLORED AUTHOR, WILL STAR.

Charles Wayne and Anna Caldwell Take a Chance---Fred Rider Will be a Georgia Showman This Summer---The Empire Four Have a Cinch.

And now Mason Mitchell, the actor-Rough Rider, has gone over to the burlesque beauties. Herd after, surrounded by females with large hips and swelling bosoms, he will stand on stage centre and tell the public how he fought for his country, while the aforesaid females will cast languishing glances at him and wish to heaven they could get that calcium for about thirty seconds.

Bryant and Watson have him.

Ernest Hogan, the well-known colored comedian and author, proposes to go on the road next season as a star of the first magnitude. He is working overtime on an arrangement to be called, when it is finished, "The King of Coontown." Of course, he will be the King and he will have a lot of new songs for the new show.

Charles Wayne and Anna Caldwell have bought a new sketch, called "A Great Chance." They thought it looked all right, so they took a chance on it, and sprung it on the people of Springfield, Mass. It went all right.

Fred Rider has leased the Imperial Theatre, Atlanta, Ga. He will play first-class vaudeville and burlesque, and open a roof garden in the summer.

Rider's great game is burlesque and tights, and if he will only put on an extravaganza when the weather gets hot he will tickle those Southern folks to death.

Put the girls in tights, Rider, if you want the money!

The Empire Four have just found a feather bed for the rest of the season, for after hustling through the blizzard over the vaudeville circuit they have just signed with Weber & Fields. The names of the Empire Four, by the way, are James Cavanaugh, Clarence Rivilbur, William Fuller and Louis A. Hanvey.

Farewell, Bruns and Nina company—a formal farewell—for Mr. Bruns has informed all his friends that the show has busted and that he has taken the management of the Music Hall at Leominster, Mass. In the meanwhile the members of the disbanded company have had time to walk home.

Howard Powers and Dolly Theobald will shortly produce a new comedy act by Arthur J. Lamb, entitled "A Pair of Runaways." The title was suggested to them by an incident that recently happened in London, England. Powers and Theobald will shortly return to New York from the West, where they have been very successful for over a year.

Ray and Middleton have been engaged to do a novelty act with "A Rag Time Reception." This act is claimed to be an innovation, as it is entirely out of the usual run of sister turns.

The Goolmans, musical artists, opened on the Shea circuit at Springfield, Mass., on Feb. 6 for two weeks, and have been engaged for next summer by J. E. Girard for one of his park companies.

Sam J. Ryan has been engaged for the balance of the season with Weber & Fields' "Pousse Cafe" Company, to play the part of Michael McCann. He opened at the Grand Opera House in Brooklyn and made a big hit.

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Men With No Hair on the Top of Their Heads Sat in the Front Row to See Her.

Sidman's tip and are issuing weekly bulletins about themselves. They can afford to do it without being called egotistical.

Lily Adams, the youngest daughter of George H. Adams, is winning encores nightly singing J. Fred Hell's latest songs.

Among the performers who do "stunts" in private for society folks, none are more popular than James and Bonnie Thornton, who get the call and the money all right. Joe Welch, by the way, gets a few himself.

Hugh Stanton's one-act play, "For Reform," is making an undeniably hit everywhere. The idea of presenting one-act plays in vaudeville was conceived by Mr. Stanton. He is at work on a new play, entitled "The Stars Have Said It."

Monroe and Mack received a telegram recently from the Lykens-McGarvie company which was prepaid. The shock was almost too much for them, and Monroe did not recover his composure for a couple

of days. "We have been fifteen years in the business," said Mack, in speaking of the matter, "and this is the first time this has happened to us. Surely there is something new under the sun."

All the money that goes down West Twenty-third street to be invested in theatre seats is bound to reach Proctor's. Nothing can stop it.

Kilroy and Britton have been meeting with great success in their new act, which is original and contains many happy hits.

Frank A. Dailey has formed a partnership with Estella West, and they will present a new comedietta by Edward Rose, called "An Hour at Home." The team name will be Dailey and West. Mr. Dailey has great hopes for his new venture and expects to make one of the hits of the season.

Cissie Loftus has added to her imitations one of Julius Steger. She gives an excellent imitation of the tenor's mannerisms and affectations.

W. J. McDermott is one of the few men in vaudeville who is making hits and money doing imitations. His imitation of Sousa has created a sensation.

The coming attractions at Keith's include Ezra Kendall, Will M. Cressy and Blanche Dayne, Marion Manola, Morton and Revelle, Rose Melville and company, Grapewin and Chance, Barney Fagan and Henrietta Byron, Joquin Miller, the Four Cohans and Wood and Sheppard.

Lillian Green and William Friend have just returned from a short Western tour, during which their success exceeded the most sanguine expectations. The critics were particularly kind, and said many nice things about Miss Green, and praised Mr. Friend's artful work.

Harry Williams' Own Company had to hire a Wells-Fargo express car to take away from Cleveland, O., the money it made there recently.

This is right, because the manager of the show said it was, and he can produce a photograph of the theatre they played at during the week if necessary.

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There are a few shows out in the snow which are making money, and among them is the Mildred Novelty Company, with Mildred and Ronclere as the top-liners and owners.

T. E. Miacio, the veteran showman and successful burlesque manager, will exploit in conjunction with the City Club Company, Miacio's Jolly Grass Widows which will make a bid for public approval, starting early in August. A season of forty weeks has been booked in the leading vaudeville houses. The people have been carefully selected who possess merit in their individual lines. Manager Miacio has the reputation of mounting his attractions in a very lavish manner and comes nearer to a Broadway production than others in the same line. Miacio superintends every detail and has the assistance of two capable men in C. G. Ball and Robert Fulton. The former acts as treasurer and the latter heralds the coming of the City Club, which is now playing return dates in the West with the usual big results.

Lost, strayed or stolen, John Ernest McCann, playwright. He has a trunkful of comedies, farces and melodramas.

Canfield and Carleton are meeting with their accustomed success. Mr. Canfield is now at work on a new sketch, which will be entirely different from anything in which the team has so far been seen.

Again a rumored wedding. Irene Vera, who is known as the billowy actress, because she is all curves, is said to have recently married a Baltimore man who has so much money that he spends it by the paifull. That is Irene's part all right.

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YOUNG MAN WHO GUYED PERFORMERS IN A NEW ORLEANS THEATRE WAS SEVERELY CORRECTED.



ROBBED IN BROAD DAYLIGHT.

TWO BRUTAL MEN ATTACK A PATERSON, N. J., MILL GIRL AND FORCIBLY TAKE HER SATCHEL.

MYSTERIOUS FATE OF BRIDES AND GROOMS

Many Couples Disappear in an Unaccountable Manner From Sioux City, Ia., and the People Fear a Hoodoo.

HOMES BROKEN UP WITHOUT APPARENT CAUSE.

Men and Women Vanish a Few Hours Before Their Marriage; Brides are Wiped Out of Existence, and Young Husbands Drop Out of Sight..

Here's a fine state of affairs. Since January 1 there have been eleven cases where either one or both of the contracting parties to weddings in the neighborhood of Sioux City, Iowa, have mysteriously disappeared shortly before or immediately after the time set for the wedding.

What has befallen them no one knows. They have simply totally disappeared, nor have the utmost efforts on the part of the authorities nor the lavish expenditure of money by the victim's friends availed to lift the veil of mystery in a single case.

The first case was that of a young man of Qu'Appelle, Canada, who was engaged to marry the daughter of a miller in West Fork, near Sioux City.

The couple arranged to meet in Sioux City on the morning of Jan. 6 and to be married at the home of the bride's uncle the same afternoon.

The girl arrived in the city according to programme. The young man telegraphed to her on the date of his departure from Qu'Appelle. On the morning of Jan 5 he stopped at Sheldon, a small town a short distance north of Sioux City, to see friends whom he expected to accompany him to Sioux City. Learning that they had already started, he took the evening train for Sioux City, expecting to arrive about midnight.

When the train pulled into the station he was not on board. The conductor and several passengers remembered seeing him, but did not notice when he left his car. On the supposition that he might have fallen from the platform both sides of the track were thoroughly searched to Sheldon. Not a sign of the missing man was found.

The country was scoured for him in vain. None of his friends had heard from him. His business associates at Qu'Appelle were much surprised when notified of his disappearance, but could throw no light on the subject. He has not yet been found, nor has the slightest clue been discovered concerning his whereabouts.

The second case was that of an Englishman. He had a farm near Sioux City and he sent money to England to bring to this country the girl he intended to marry,

She made the trip to Sioux City safely, found her lover waiting for her at the station and was immediately married to him by a local justice of the peace. Then the couple started to drive to the groom's farm.

About seven miles out of Sioux City he dropped his whip and jumped out of the sleigh to get it, leaving his bride to hold the reins. While he was on the ground the horses took fright and dashed off. The sleigh and team were afterward found in a badly damaged condition, but of the bride there was not a trace. It is generally believed that she must have been killed in the runaway, but the utter disappearance of her body is a circumstance which it seems impossible to explain.

A young couple were married at South Sioux City, on the Nebraska side of the Missouri river. They expected to leave on the 10 o'clock train for St. Paul on their wedding tour, and arranged to drive to the depot a short time before their departure.

Several members of the wedding party were to accompany them to town, but the bride and groom were in a separate sleigh and considerably in advance of their friends. When the latter reached town the newly wedded couple had vanished.

In this case the only possible explanation seems to be that they tried to cross the Missouri river on the ice, broke through and were drowned.

One of the most mysterious cases is that of a well-known Sioux City tailor and his bride. They were married, and after a honeymoon rented a house, which they suddenly abandoned, with all the household goods and their clothing, as well as the tailoring business. No trace has ever been found of them.

Another remarkable case is that of a young man of Sioux City, who went to visit his wife at her home at Climbing Hill the day before the wedding. In the evening, when he went to his hotel, the girl retired to her room.

The next morning the room was empty. The young woman's bed had evidently been occupied a part of the night at least, the doors of the house were all fastened on the inside, the windows closed and no one

had heard the slightest disturbance. The girl has been missing ever since.

A young couple of O'Neill, Neb., left on a wedding trip to Sioux City. They arrived all right, got off the train and walked away. They may be walking yet, for no one who knows them has since seen or heard of them.

On the afternoon of Jan 25 a farmer just north of the county line, met the daughter of a neighboring agriculturist in Sioux City, and was married to her by a justice of the peace.

After the ceremony they drove back to his farm. That night they were aroused by a commotion in the barnyard. The husband suspected that thieves were stealing his chickens or trying to enter his barn. Seizing his shotgun he hurried out to investigate. When he failed to return his wife went out to look for him. She failed to find him and aroused the neighbors and a vigorous search was instituted.

In the morning the authorities were notified. Their efforts to find the missing man were equally fruitless and thus far he is still absent.

The marriage of a leading local newspaper man to a handsome young woman was set for Feb. 1 at 8 P. M. At 5:30 he went to his room at the hotel where he had bachelor quarters to dress for the ceremony. At 7 he sent for a carriage to take him to his fiancee's home, where the guests were already assembled. When the coach arrived his room was empty.

The missing man's high character precluded the pos-

disappearances, and that the couple suffered together. He was a man of good character and there seems no reason for suspecting him of guilt in connection with the affair.

On Feb. 5 a young farmer near Perkins, a village nearby, went to Sioux City to buy a bridal present for his fiancee, to whom he was to be married on the 7th. He was seen about an hour after his arrival, then vanished. The search for him is still in progress but with small hope that he will be found.

Taken altogether it will be well for engaged and newly married couples to steer clear of Sioux City, Ia., in the future.

JOHN F. SCHOLES.

[WITH PORTRAIT.]

In this issue is a portrait of John F. Scholes of Toronto, Ont., who is well known to the sporting fraternity from coast to coast. He was born Dec. 21st, 1843, at Moat, Queens county, Ireland, and is therefore fifty-five years of age. In his infancy he crossed the ocean with his parents, who took up their residence in Canada. For over forty years he has lived in Toronto, and has done much to make the Queen City known in the athletic world. When a youth he showed marked abilities as a jumper and as a runner from 100 yards to three miles, for all of which distances he has held records. At present he is the

athletic proprietor is still hale and hearty and strong as a bull. He takes a great interest in hunting and is a crack rifle shot, having been president of the Off-Hand Rifle Club for years. He is also connected with the driving clubs and is fond of horses. The dogmen all know him. For three years in succession he won first prizes in New York shows on Manchester black terriers and Beddingtons. He has a large collection of medals and trophies which he has earned in his career as an athlete.

Portraits of Jack Scholes, Jr., and Lou Scholes also appear in this issue. They are the sons of Mr. John F. Scholes, and are both bright, clever young men.

Women gamblers bucking the tiger.
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HERMAN P. BECK.

[WITH PORTRAIT.]

One of the best-known exponents of boxing in Central Pennsylvania is Herman P. Beck of Sharpsburg. Mr. Beck sends the following about himself:

I was born in Sharpsburg, Pa., July 18, 1876. My first fight was on February 3, 1894, with John Finnegan the Glenwood Cyclone, at the Emerald Athletic Club tourney, defeating him in three rounds. My next

fight was on March 15, 1894, with John Conley at the Nonpareil Athletic Club tourney, he getting the decision in three rounds. My next fight was on March 30, 1894, with John Finnegan at the Young Men's Catholic Club tourney, defeating him in three rounds. On March 31, at same tourney, defeated Louis Weber in one round and a half and Wm. McDonough, better known as "Buster Bill," in two rounds and a half, both of these fights occurring on the same night. My next fight was on March 20, 1895, with Mike Lewis at the A. A. U. championship tournament, held in

Allegheny, Pa., he getting the decision over me in three rounds. Before contesting in the A. A. U. tournament met and defeated Mike Creedon in a round and a half on December 15, 1894, at the Pittsburgh Athletic Club's tourney. My next fight was with John Finnegan on February 18, 1896, at McKee's Rocks, Pa. It was to have been to a finish, but the referee stopped the fight in the eleventh round. This was my first professional fight. My next fight was on April 28, 1896, with John Conley at Duquesne, Pa. It was a ten-round affair, defeating him in ten rounds. My next fight was on May 3, 1896, with Walter Bovard at the Ivy Athletic Club rooms, Sharpsburg, Pa., defeating him in four rounds. My next fight was on November 9, 1896, with Bill Vensel, the heavyweight, for a \$100 purse at Semple Hall, Allegheny, Pa., defeating him in two and a half rounds. On December 25, 1896, stayed four rounds with Joe Chynski for a \$50 bet. Met and defeated John Shields of Elwood, Pa., at Elwood, in one round and a half on November 10, 1897. My next fight was on November 28, 1897, with John Arnold at the Ivy Athletic Club rooms, defeating him in two rounds and a half. My next fight was on December 15, 1897, at the Nonpareil Athletic Club, Beaver Falls, Pa., with Dave Hall, colored, champion of Beaver and Lawrence counties, defeating him in a round and a half of what was to be a ten-round go. At present I have issued a challenge to fight the winner of the Finnegan-Scholes fight to a finish.

HARRY REISMAN.

[WITH PORTRAIT.]

Harry Reisman is the leading newadealer in Scranton, Pa. Mr. Reisman is the proprietor of two fine news stores, 405 Spruce street and 503 Linden street. He is very popular in Scranton, and carries a full line of all the leading publications of the day. He says the POLICE GAZETTE heads the list as a seller and his customers admire the way the POLICE GAZETTE gives the public all the latest sporting and sensational news of the day.

EDNA WALLACE HOPPER.

[WITH PORTRAIT.]

Dainty little Edna Wallace Hopper, who is playing the part of Orestes in "La Belle Helene" at the Casino, has been the cause of much comment—a large part of which is adverse—by appearing in full tights in one of the scenes of the play. No one has ever been able to find the slightest flaw or imperfection in Mrs. Hopper's figure, but her friends and the general public seem to think she would look better in skirts.

VITRIOL FOR HER RIVAL.

[SUBJECT OF ILLUSTRATION.]

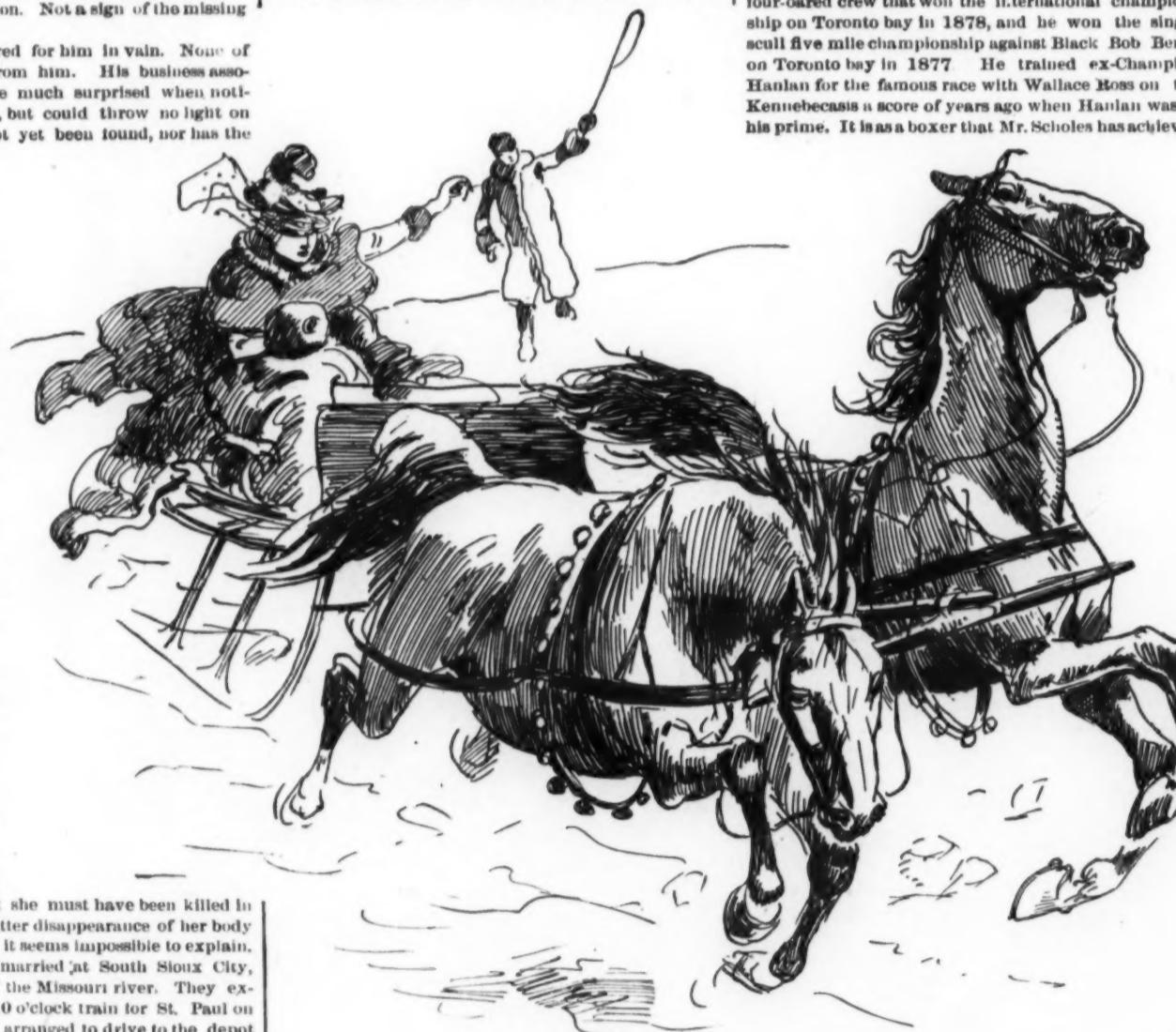
Again a vitriol thrower. This time a young woman of Beaufort, S. C., handled the deadly bottle and spoiled the beauty of a well-known young woman for whom her lover had jilted her.

SHE WHIPPED THE DUDE.

[SUBJECT OF ILLUSTRATION.]

A fresh young fellow went into a popular New Orleans, La., music hall the other evening and as soon as he had taken his seat began to gibe the performers. He became so offensive that finally one of the southerners got a whip and going down the aisle gave him a good lashing while the audience applauded.

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When He Jumped Out For the Whip the Horses Ran Away with His Bride.

sibility of flight on his part, and even had he desired to do so, it would have been exceedingly difficult for him to have passed through the hotel lobby, where everyone knew him, without attracting attention. He is still missing.

A young couple vanished together Feb. 2, three days before the date set for their wedding. He was a laboring man and his sweetheart had been employed as a domestic in the city. They went out together about 10 o'clock in the forenoon to look at a cottage they were thinking of renting, and never returned.

Some of the local detectives incline to the opinion that the man killed the girl and fled, but the majority think it is simply another of the series of mysterious

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HAD A ROUGH TIME LEARNING TO BE A FIGHTER.

Frank Kelly, His First Manager, Tells About His Early Life and Battles--Had His Revenge on Tommy Ryan--Amusing Anecdotes.

(No 6.)

Although defeated by Tom Sharkey, no boxer before the public to-day occupies a more exalted place in the estimation of the better class patrons of pugilism than Norman Selby, known professionally as Kid McCoy. He is characteristically modest and reticent to a degree about his early life, and it is therefore left to Frank Kelly, of Cincinnati, who was McCoy's first manager and played an important part in getting him started upon his professional career, to supply what was needed to complete his biography:

McCoy is 25 years old and was born in Rush County, Indiana. His parents were very religious people, but each were believers in different doctrines. His father kept a little store and was so religious that he would not keep tobacco because he thought it was contrary to the laws of God.

The Kid was of a roving disposition and at an early age he became tired of the strict religious atmosphere of his surroundings and ran away from home. His first position was in a tailor shop where he assisted in the work of sewing on buttons and running errands. I never knew of this fact until while McCoy was training at the Bassett road house just outside of Buffalo for his second contest with Tommy Ryan. One afternoon, after working hours, a man well along in years approached the veranda and spoke to the Kid, who immediately recognized him and introduced him to the crowd. Before leaving I saw McCoy give him some money and after he left the Kid said: "Instead of staking that fellow I ought to have given him a bat in the nose; he kicked me down a flight of stairs once." McCoy then told me the story of the tailor shop experience and how one day when he failed to perform an errand in a satisfactory manner, the tailor flew into a rage and kicked him down stairs and discharged him.

His experience with that tailor soured McCoy on working for people and being kicked around and he started out to roam over the country. He generally took a sleeper, but the conductor did not bother him much for his favorite berth was on the trucks. Whenever he got hard up he used to act as a waiter in restaurants, and no doubt many persons, who would now be glad to shake hands with him, have said things which jarred on the Kid's ears when he happened to be a little slow in serving them.

The Kid finally made up his mind that he would make a fighter out of himself and immediately began to make a close study of the boxing game which has characterized his work ever since. His roving disposition did not let him stay in St. Paul very long, but he started over the country again--this time in the fighting business. He fought on barges, in barns and in fact any old place where he could get some one to put on the gloves with him and take advantage of a chance to pull down a little money. Naturally he had many experiences during his rovings, which turned out to be very amusing in the retrospect. I recall one instance about two years ago when the Kid and myself were at the Fort Erie track in Buffalo and happened to meet Ike Striker, better known as "Scabby," a fellow who used to follow the trotters and runners and did a little fighting on the side. He afterwards owned a few horses and it was in the capacity of an owner that we met him. McCoy laughed and reminded Striker of a time in Dubuque, Ia., when he (Striker) was matched to fight some man who failed to show up. In his anxiety to get some to go on with him, Striker told the Kid that, if he would take the absent fighter's place he would agree not to hurt him. Striker was regarded as a pretty tough proposition--in the language of the ring--but McCoy agreed to go on if the purse was increased. The promoters refused to do this and the match did not take place. At the meeting in Buffalo we had a good laugh and the Kid said: "Well, I did not think at the time that there was much danger of you hurting me, but I was not going to take any chances unless there was more money in it."

Not long after this McCoy went to Detroit and Tommy Ryan secured him to assist him in his training. The Kid used to have to box with Ryan, who seemed to take delight in beating him unmercifully. He had many friends, for he was a good mixer, and they used to advise him to quit working with Ryan, but the Kid was ambitious to learn how to fight and he stood the punishment and continued with his work, telling his friends not to worry as he was learning something every day and some day would pay Ryan back, which every one knows that he has done.

I first met McCoy in a newspaper office in Cincinnati. Charley Kelb and Al Roberts, two local fighters, were present trying to make a match, but were arguing about a difference of three or four pounds in weight. On being introduced to the Kid the first remark was: "I don't see why those fellows should argue about a few pounds in weight." He then called me aside and began to make inquiries about the two men--who they had fought and how they fought. Kelb and Roberts adjourned until the next evening. During the night and the next morning the Kid hustled around and got sufficient information about both men to convince him that he would have an even chance with either of them and he was present the next evening and signed articles with Al Roberts.

McCoy was a neat, trim looking fellow, and I ad-

mired him for his frankness and the business like way he went about his work. The contest took place at the old Highland House at Cincinnati and resulted in a draw at the end of ten rounds. The Kid then trained Con Reilly for his fight with Mike Conley, the Itasca Giant, after which he drifted to New Orleans and was engaged by Bob Fitzsimmons when he was training for his fight with Dan Creedon. When the Fitzsimmons-Creedon contest had been decided he returned to Cincinnati and defeated Al Roberts at a second meeting in five rounds. Shadow Maber, the Australian, was one of McCoy's seconds in his fight with Roberts and he and McCoy got into an argument about what was due him for his services as a second. One night they got to bantering one another in a barber shop on Vine street and finally agreed to sign articles for a fight.

His contest with Maber was the Kid's first impon-

one thought that he had the ghost of a show in that contest, he managed by great ring generalship to make a 25 round draw out of it. He then came West again, and the rest of his career is well known to the followers of the sport.

The Kid has often remarked to me in confidence that he never thought he could fight until after he defeated Tommy Ryan. After that he said that he believed he could defeat anyone in the world, but he intended to be cautious and take plenty of time, for he was in his prime and would get stronger every day, while the present big fighters would be going back. He always had that fact in mind and all the time he was under my care he was a fellow of good habits and showed no love for the "oil of gladness." His entire pugilistic history has been marked by the same care in the making of matches. He has never entered into a match with any one unless he felt confident of his ability to come back a winner and the results of his battles show that he has exercised excellent judgment in this respect.

He has made more of a study of fighting than any other man who ever lived. He is an apt scholar and he never fought a man that he did not observe anything new which might have been used and practiced it until he had thoroughly mastered the idea. After he fought Maber he used to practice blows that he saw Maber deliver, and he has often told me that his first boxing lessons were taken from Shadow Maber and still uses some of the blows of the clever Australian. The Kid is one of the most industrious fellows you ever saw. His ability to use either hand effectively is often remarked about. That use of his left is the result of long and continuous practice. Often around the training quarters at night he used to sit down and practice writing with his left hand until he got sleepy. This same idea was apparent in his other work--when playing baseball he would throw with one hand and then the other. McCoy really has two right hands and a proof of this is his peculiar crouching position in the ring when he pivots on his knees and uses one hand as well as the other. When we worked on the road he used to run backward as much as forward and would side step in the place of running forward. I'll bet he can beat any man living running backwards.

Having been associated with the Kid in his early

CONROY NO MATCH FOR PETER MAHER

Police Chief Bill Stops the Bout
and Prevents a Knockout.

ONLY SEVEN ROUNDS FOUGHT

Troy Boxer Covers His Face and Runs Around the Ring.

During the seven rounds that "Stockings" Conroy, of Troy, stood up in front of Peter Maher last Wednesday night at Hartford, Conn., he managed to get as good a punching as a man could get in a limited space of time. Had it not been for humane interference by Police Chief Bill he would have been knocked out. As it was he was so dazed at the end by the Irishman's ponderous punches that all he could do was to stand up in the ring with his hands covering his face to ward off the blows that would ultimately have sent him into dreamland.

Both men were well trained for the fight, but while Maher looked the perfect athlete that he is Conroy gave the impression of a novice, both in his manner of shaping and boxing.

Conroy opened the proceedings by landing a stiff right on Conroy's nose. The latter clinched and Maher stepped to his knees. Regaining his feet he forced the fighting and sent in his right and left several times. Conroy replied with a stiff body blow.

In the second round Conroy rushed at Maher and planted a good one on the neck. He kept at it, and put Maher on the defensive. Then followed some sparring and the round closed.

Conroy's right met Maher's nose in the third round with considerable force, but the only effect it had on the tall Irishman was to arouse his anger, so that he began to rush Conroy all around the ring. By uppercuts and furious swings he soon had the latter on the ropes.

A rapid exchange followed, in which Conroy managed to get away. At the stroke of the bell Maher landed on Conroy's body and face, but did not inflict any damage that was apparent. He had the best of the fight at this point.

Conroy got in several uppercuts and Maher retaliated with a body smash at the opening of the fourth round. Conroy caught Maher full in the face, and the tall Irishman gave him by way of a return compliment a right-hand blow in the Conroy physiognomy. Light interchanges then followed.

Maher opened up the fight with a right swing which sent Conroy to his knees, but the Troy lad regained his footing and came back with a left-hand blow. Conroy landed twice on the body and Maher gave his opponent a right and left on the jaw.

Both men sparred for wind at the opening of the sixth. Conroy landed a right and left on the face, and Maher did the same. Conroy got in a good left on the jaw and followed with his right. Maher jabbed a right in the face.

Conroy could not withstand the power of the blows Maher rained on him in the seventh round. He went at his man at the start, and with several lefts and rights, and ultimately a strong jab in the face, had his man dazed. He followed up this advantage with terrific blows on the body, face and jaw. So dazed was Conroy that he simply stood in the ring with his hands over his face to ward off the cruel blows.

It was clearly evident that Conroy was a whipped man, so Chief of Police Bill stepped into the ring and stopped the fight. The round had lasted 2 minutes and forty seconds.

Referee White then awarded the fight to Maher.

The preliminary bout of fifteen rounds was between Harry Fisher of Brooklyn and Dan Murphy of Waterbury, at catch weights. It ended in a draw after a well-fought battle. Joe Fahey of Hartford was the referee.

FOUND IN THE DRIFTING SNOW.

[SUBJECT OF ILLUSTRATION.]

The recent blizzard, which seemed to hit the entire country with unusual force, was replete with tragedies, and there were, besides, many narrow escapes. One of the most sensational was that of a young woman of Knoxville, Tenn., who went to a drug store while the storm was raging. She reached the store all right, but when she started to return the snow blinded her and she became lost. She finally became so exhausted that she fell down in a drift where she lay unconscious until she was found by some men who happened to be traveling that way. She was picked up and carried into the nearest house, where she was brought to with the aid of restoratives.

HARRY L. MORRIS.

[WITH PORTRAIT.]

One of the busiest men in Newark, N. J., as well as one of the most popular, is Harry L. Morris. In the first place Mr. Morris is the owner and manager of the Conklin & Morris Vaudevilles, sole owner and manager of Morris' Repertoire Company, manager of the Orpheum Music Hall, of Newark, owner and manager of the Newark Dramatic and Vaudeville Exchange, and owner of the big tonsorial parlors at 100 Mulberry street, Newark.

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NORMAN SELBY (KID MCCOY).
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tant match, for at that time Shadow Maber was looked on as one of the best welterweights in the country, and only a few weeks before that had defeated Danny Needham. They signed articles to meet before the People's Athletic Club, of which I was then matchmaker, but at that point the authorities interfered and the boxing game was stopped in Cincinnati for a time. I immediately received an offer of \$400 from the Pastime Athletic Club, of Memphis, Tenn., to have the match take place there. Both men consented to the change, as there was some bitter feeling and they were anxious for the go to take place. While he did not punish Maber very badly, McCoy got the decision at the end of ten rounds. When Maber sought another match, the Kid very cunningly told him he would not meet him again very soon, as he thought that he (Maber) could defeat almost any man of his weight not exceeding Fitzsimmons, and has traveled all over the world.

BECK OLSEN.

[WITH PORTRAIT.]

Wrestling is re-engaging the attention of the sport-loving people hereabouts. Beck Olsen, the champion of Denmark, wants to come here to test the skill of our champions. He is considered in his country a great wrestler, and the belt he wears he won from the champion of Greece. He wants to make a match for \$2,500 a side against Ernest Roebel.

JACK FOX.

[WITH PORTRAIT.]

Among the good boxers now located in New York who bid fair to make their mark in pugilism is Jack Fox. He has fought some good battles and won a fair share of the honors.

ROBBED IN BROAD DAYLIGHT.

[SUBJECT OF ILLUSTRATION.]

A pretty mill girl of Paterson, N. J., was robbed of her week's earnings the other afternoon by two bold highwaymen, who made an attack upon her as she was walking along High street. She screamed and fought them, but they tore her satchel from her grasp and succeeded in making their escape.



CLUNG TO THE BRIDGE TIES.

HOW TWO PRETTY GIRLS OF PITTSFIELD, MASS., SAVED THEIR LIVES WHEN A TRAIN CAME ALONG.



PISTOLS AND COFFEE FOR AN OFFICER.

LIEUT. SCOTT SHOOTS AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDS COL. COLSON OF THE FOURTH KENTUCKY, ANNISTON, ALA.



FOUND IN THE DRIFTING SNOW.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH IN THE RECENT BLIZZARD OF A YOUNG WOMAN
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G. & G. — No.
M. H., Montreal. — Never heard of him.
KRYSTON, Dunmore, Pa. — All suits have an equal value.
READER, Washington. — When was Fitzsimmons born? — June 4, 1862.
E. P., Attleboro, Mass. — How old is Bob Fitzsimmons? — 37 years.
J. H. B., Marion, Ind. — What is the age of Robert Fitzsimmons? — 37—38.
J. C. D., Bridgeport, Conn. — They must have timed you by the town clock.
A. D. H., Racine, Wis. — What nationality is James Jeffries? — An American.
D. D., Waterbury, Conn. — Has George Dixon ever fought Casper Leon? — No.
T. N., Boston, Mass. — Consult some experienced professor of physical culture.
M. F. R., Reading, Pa. — Is Jim Jeffries of African descent, or white? — White.
V. A. H., New York. — A bet that Kid McCoy is of Jewish descent? — He is not.
J. M., Edwall, Wash. — What is the nationality of Admiral Dewey? — American.
— Seattle, Wash. — When did Peter Maher and Tom Sharkey fight? — June 9, 1897.
T. W., New Orleans, La. — What is the birth place of James J. Corbett? — San Francisco.
J. W. H., Braddock, Pa. — How many rounds first Fitzsimmons-Maher fight? — 12 rounds.
H. T. A. M., New York. — What is Andrew Freedman's address? — 45 Broadway, New York.
G. J. M., New York. — What nationality is Kid McCoy? — An American, of American parentage.
W. L. R., Springfield, O. — Could you use a photo of John Jenkins, the pugilist? — Send it along.
J. C., Victor, Col. — A bet B that Kid Lavigne has knocked Joe Walcott out? — A loss. He never did.
O. E., Baltimore, Md. — Which of the two, Joe Gans or Jim Corbett, is the quickest and most clever on their feet? — Corbett.
J. A. W., New Hampton, Ia. — Why is it that everybody says Corbett can't fight when he has whipped such good men? Did Billy Sunday apply for a position as umpire in the National League last year? What is the coldest it has been in New York and Chicago this winter? Who is the bantam champion now Barry has retired? How old are Richard K. Fox and Sam Austin? — They are prejudiced. 3. We believe so. 2. New York, 7 below zero; Chicago, 23 below. 4. Terry McGovern. 3. Age is a delicate matter to consider.
D. M. C., Rush City, Minn. — See answer to correspondent in this column.
J. M., Kitchi, Mich. — Who is champion lightweight of the world? — Lavigne.
G. F., Philadelphia, Pa. — The POLICE GAZETTE is not promoting any cage walks.
J. H. H., Washington, D. C. — What is the middleweight limit? — 156 pounds.
G. F., North Lawrence, O. — What nationalities are Kid McCoy's parents? — American.
J. L., Tufville, Conn. — Fitz is champion of the world. Corbett and Sullivan never were.
H. H. L., Du Bois, Pa. — Who is the most scientific pugilist? — Corbett is considered.
B. T. N., Butte, Mont. — Was John L. Sullivan ever champion prizefighter of the world? — No.
M. F. H., Moorhead, Minn. — Did LeBlanche ever defeat Dempsey? — Yes, by using a pivot blow.
J. B., Rodyn. — How often did Charley Mitchell and Jack Burke fight? — Four times; draw each time.
G. C. S., Frostburg, Md. — Has Jim Jeffries ever fought Joe Godard? — Yes; four rounds; Jeffries won.
G. C. S., Purcell, I. T. — What is the fastest race track record for running one mile? — Man, dog or horse?
C. B., New York. — A says that a straight flush beats four aces; B says no. Who wins? — A wins. It does.
J. V. Q., Ehrenfeld, Pa. — A bet B that Sharkey was an Orange man; B bet he was not? — He is a Catholic.
J. D. W., St. Paul, Minn. — Did Youoss, the Turk, ever wrestle Adali? — All claims they wrestled a draw.
J. M., Kitchi, Mich. — What nationalities are Oscar Gardner and Robert Fitzsimmons? — American and English.
T. O. B., Newark, N. J. — What was Fitzsimmons' weight at the time he fought Jack Dempsey? — 150½ pounds.
J. A. L., Russell, Ont. — Write to Supt. of Masonic Temple, Twenty-third street and Sixth avenue, New York city.
J. D., Newark, N. J. — Jack Smith's record has never been compiled. Send 10 cents for the "POLICE GAZETTE Annual."
G. W., Milwaukee, Wis. — How do the majority of fighters stand, with their left or right hand extended? — Left extended.
C. S., Alpena, Mich. — Who is the hardest hitter of the heavyweight pugilist? — There is no way to settle the question.
C. J. C., Sherman, Minn. — Did John L. Sullivan ever receive the title of champion prize fighter of the world? — He did not.
G. E. S., Cohoes, N. Y. — What does the New York Central Railroad charge for passenger travel per mile? — Two cents per mile.
B. F., Los Angeles, Cal. — A bet that Sullivan was champion of the world; B bet he was not. Who wins? — B wins. He never was.
J. M. S., Chicago. — What was Bob Fitzsimmons' occupation before he became a fighter? — Was a blacksmith and also a wagon maker.
W. W., Marinette, Wis. — Who is the tallest man in the State of Wisconsin? I am 6 feet 8½ inches, 25 years old and weigh 227½ pounds. You are.
A. C., Lily Bay, Me. — Was Paddy Ryan ever champion of the world? Who was the first heavy weight champion of the world? — 1. No. 2. Jim Mace.
F. S. G., Little Rock, Ark. — Can a man eat thirty quails in thirty days? — Several people claim to have done it and many are dubious of making the test.
H. R. S., Des Moines, Ia. — W bet H Kid McCoy is not married or never has been; H bet the opposite; who wins? — McCoy was married and divorced and is married again.
P. T. C., Lisbon Falls, Me. — Has Robert Fitzsimmons ever reached the weight of 185 pounds or more? — Not that we ever heard of. His normal weight is about 170.

R. M. T., Boston, Mass. — Not mailable.
H. A. J., Providence. — No blood was claimed.
J. M., Brooklyn. — Is Kid McCoy of Jewish extraction? — No.
G. M. N., Toledo, O. — See answer to B. P. D., Holland, Mich.
W. P., Highlandtown, Md. — See answer to B. P. D., Holland, Mich.
R. S., Mt. Carroll, Ill. — Send your query to the puzzle department.
Z. M. B., Washington. — Is there a book published called "Bible Catch Questions"? — Yes. By P. J. Kennedy, & Barclay street.
R. A. H., Cookeville, Tenn. — Is Tom Sharkey married? Will Fitzsimmons remain champion of the world if Sharkey or any one else challenges him and he doesn't accept? What was the amount won by Sharkey in his fight with McCoy? In your opinion, will Fitz ever fight again? — 1. No. 2. According to precedent he does. \$15,000. 4. No.
READER, Elkhart, Ind. — Have you extra supplements? How old is John L. Sullivan? How old is Fitzsimmons? Why does not Fitz wear the "Police Gazette" belt? Is he not champion of the world? How many rounds did Corbett and Sullivan fight? Who is champion American wrestler? Does smoking cigars hurt my wind? — 1. Yes, we can supply

queen, jack and ten of any suit. 2. Four. 3. No. 4. A royal flush.

T. M., Newark, N. J. — Which is the highest in throwing dice, the six or the ace? — Six is high, unless an agreement to contrary is made.

C. G., Kossever, Wyo. — Is Dick Case a prospective man? He fought Judge, also Dobbs. — He is a good man. Nothing extraordinary.

READER, Walker, Minn. — How many rounds did Corbett and Sullivan fight for the championship of America? — Twenty-one rounds.

C. M. K., Jersey City, N. J. — Give me the address of Oscar Gardner, short distance bicycle rider. — Never heard of him. Oscar Gardner is a prize fighter.

T. McO., Chicago. — In the Sharkey-McCoy fight A bets Sharkey gets the decision. B bets he don't. In case of a draw who wins? — B wins on a technical point.

J. M., Kitchi, Mich. — Who is middleweight champion of the world? How many times has Fitzsimmons been defeated? — 1. Fitzsimmons is middleweight champion. 2. Once.

E. F. W., Fall River, Mass. — If a man should go into a barroom and call for a high ball, what is the meaning? — Whiskey and lump of ice in high glass filled with charged water.

R. F. T., Sioux Rapids, Ia. — What did Sharkey receive in his fight with Fitzsimmons? That is, what was the total amount he received out of the fight? — \$10,000. The full purse.

A. H., Milwaukee, Wis. — How tall is Jeffries, the fighter? How many feet must a man be to be called a giant? — 1. 6 feet 3 inches. 2. Anybody above the ordinary height is so considered.

J. P., Columbus, O. — P. bet that if Sharkey does not knock out McCoy in ten rounds McCoy will get the decision? — The bet does not become operative until after ten rounds have been fought.

READER, Ft. Barrancas, Fla. — Was J. J. Corbett ever champion of the world? What was the blow that knocked Charley Mitchell out at Jacksonville? — 1. No. 2. A right on the point of the jaw.

F. J. S., Chicago, Ill. — Y J S bets that Peter Maher has fought more than two finish fights in this country, according to article of agreement? — Any time he knocked out an opponent it was a finish fight.

G. W. S., Eastland, Cal. — Fred bets George that there is not a steamship or man-of-war afloat that will burn 100 tons of coal in 24

Was Corbett ever knocked out? — 1. \$1,000 which Sullivan betted to him and about \$5,000 of the gate money. 2. 113 pounds at 6 o'clock. 3. No.

READER, Waverly, N. Y. — Can I get a "Sporting Annual" with the records of Jack Dempsey, Peter Jackson, Jack McAliffe and Charlie Mitchell? — Yes. Early editions of "Police Gazette Annual" contain them.

READER, Serson, Pa. — How old is William (Spike) Sullivan? Does Tommy Ryan of Syracuse run a boxing school? What is the address of William Muldoon, the wrestler? — 1. Twenty-four years. 2. No. 2, White Plains, N. Y.

H. H. B., Augusta, Ga. — Was Peter Jackson, James Corbett, John L. Sullivan, Roy Fitzsimmons or Tom Sharkey ever heavyweight champion of the world, technically? — Fitz was, by fighting an international battle for that title.

L. M. — Why was James Corbett not champion of the world? He whipped Mitchell. How can a man without any money or friends get to be a pugilist? — 1. Because Mitchell was not the recognized champion of England. 2. We give it up.

P. D., Holland, Mich. — Why was John L. Sullivan never champion of the world? How did Bob Fitzsimmons get the title? — 1. Because he never won the title from a foreigner. 2. Fitzsimmons, being a foreigner, fought an international battle with an American and won it.

J. J. F., Ft. Dodge, Ia. — B asked A how many rounds Sullivan and Kilkenny fought; A said 75. B thought not, and A bet they did. Who wins? — A bets Jackson and Corbett fight lasted 70 rounds or more. Which wins? — Sullivan and Kilkenny, 75 rounds; Jackson and Corbett, 61 rounds.

G. W., Buddison, N. J. — Does the Horton law of New York call for 25 rounds of fighting or does it call for 25 rounds of sparring. Which is correct? — The word "fighting" does not appear in the Horton law at all and no restriction is placed on the number of rounds that may be boxed.

H. C., Miller, Mich. — Let me know the decision of the last fight Kid Lavigne had; the last five rounds and the last twenty rounds. — The last short fight was six rounds, with Jack Daly, in Philadelphia; no decision. Last twenty rounds with Tom Tracy, in San Francisco; Lavigne won.

L. D. G., Dunkirk, N. Y. — Was Joe Gans ever beaten by Dobbins? Two weeks ago I saw where some one asked you if Joe Gans was ever defeated, and you said, "Yes, by Dobbins." Where did they fight? — Overlooked in "Annual." They fought at Jack Shelly's Police Athletic Club, Greenpoint, Long Island.

L. M., Bellevue, Va. — A bets B that four years have not elapsed since Sharkey and Corbett fought their four-round draw in San Francisco. Which wins? — A bets B that Mitchell got first blood from Corbett in their fight at Jacksonville? — 1. They fought June 24, 1892. 2. Yes, in the first round Corbett bled from the nose.

H. O'C., Port Huron, Mich. — Was James J. Corbett ever champion of the world? — Was John L. Sullivan ever champion of the world? — Was or is Fitzsimmons champion of the world? — The New York Clipper stated that Corbett and Sullivan in their times were champions of the world. Is this right? — 1. No. 2. No. 3. Yes. 4. No.

SUMMERS, Cincinnati, O. — Are there any men enlisted in the regular army on condition that they would be discharged when peace was declared? Did the men that enlisted between the 26th of April and the 26th of October sign an agreement that they would be discharged when peace was declared if they wanted it? — 1. No.

R. J. M., Chicago. — What was the length of the Jackson-Corbett fight in rounds? What was the exact weight of the Indian club exhibited by the Jay through the principal cities, the one that won for him the medal presented by Richard K. Fox? — 1. Sixty-one rounds. 2. Two hundred and fifty pounds loaded; one hundred and fifty pounds not loaded.

P. C. C., Zenith, Ga. — Which is the longest railroad in the United States? How many square acres in the city of London, England? What is the distance from New York to Liverpool? What is the salary of the President of the United States? — 1. Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, 5,000 miles. 2. 443,421 statute acres. 3. 2,540 miles. 4. \$50,000 a year.

H. A. M., Humansville, Mo. — Is Kid McCoy really stoop-shouldered, or is that his attitude in fighting? How many men has George Dixon whipped? — Was he not floored more than one time in all his battles? — 1. He stoops in fighting only. 2. His record is in "Police Gazette Annual"; 10 wins. Require too much space to reprint his record here. Only knocked out once.

G. T., South Omaha. — Inform me how many rounds Redhauler Mike fought with Peter Tohey in Marshalltown, Ia., twenty-one years ago? How many O'Neill and Hart fought in South Omaha in August, 1898, and as to Hart's record, also? — 1. Know nothing of Redhauler Mike or Peter Tohey. 2. O'Neill and Hart fought a ten-round draw. As for Hart's record, he has none.

F. C., Sonora, Cal. — What date was Jack Dempsey defeated by Fitzsimmons? What date was John L. Sullivan defeated by Corbett? On what grounds do you claim that Sullivan was never champion of the world after he defeated Jake Kilrain under London rules? — 1. Jan. 14, 1901. 2. Sept. 7, 1892. 3. Kilrain was an American. World's championship titles are only decided in international battles.

C. F. M., Denver, Col. — In your paper just to hand you say Australian Edwards and Mysterious Billy Smith weighed in at 8 o'clock at 147 pounds. A dispute has arisen as to the weight of Smith. One claims he weighed very close to 147, while another insists his weight is but 142. Will you answer, giving exact weight of Smith at 8 o'clock? — 1. They both sailed under the prescribed weight. Do not know exactly what Smith weighed. There is nothing which compels him to weigh exactly, providing he does not move the beam at the agreed weight. He can undoubtedly fight at 143 pounds.

H. R., Iowa Mine, Aransas, Col. — Did Fitzsimmons pay George Siler \$500 either a short time before or after the Corbett and Fitzsimmons fight? — Has the Queen of England as much power as the President of the United States over her subjects, or has she the power to veto bills? — Was Gladstone considered the smartest man that England ever had? — What is Lord Salisbury held? — Is he considered as great a man as Gladstone was? — 1. Fitz is reported to have paid Siler \$500 after the fight. 2. Quite as much. Parliament, like Congress, is really the governing power. 3. Yes. He was considered England's greatest Prime Minister. 4. Lord Salisbury's adherents believe so.

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H. H., Kalamazoo, Mich. — How many times was the running horse Whang rung in as a ringer? — Give it up. Honest John Croker, his owner, might be able to tell you.

S. S., Golconda, Nev. — A bet that McCoy would not last ten rounds; B bet that McCoy would? — A wins. He did not last the full three minutes technically constituting a round.

E. A. C., Engle, Col. — How many rounds did Fitzsimmons and Sharkey fight? Who is the champion bag puncher of the world? — 1. Eight. 2. Ryan holds the "Police Gazette" medal.

P. K., Mt. Hope, N. J. — Did Peter Maher and Tom Sharkey ever meet in a limited number of rounds? Did Maher and Jeffries ever meet? — 1. Yes; seven rounds, a draw, at Palace A. C., New York city. 2. No.

H. R., New York. — What will I do with a championship medal I found Jan. 14 on Thirty-third street L station? It is for Scholastic Athletic Association. — Write to J. E. Sullivan, 16 Park Place, New York.

P. C., New York. — Inform me if Peter Maher's eyes were in any way affected the time he entered the ring to fight Fitzsimmons the second time....Very much so. He was so nearly blind that he could hardly see his opponent.

S. B. S., Baltimore, Md. — Write to Superintendent Civil Service Department at Washington. 1. McCoy was born on Oct. 17, 1873. 2. With Dick O'Brien. Send 10 cents for "Police Gazette Annual," containing full record.

C. H., Columbus, O. — Tell us as to whom J. J. Corbett made a present of the championship belt he fought Robert Fitzsimmons? — Offered it to Maher. Maher refused to accept it. Said he preferred to fight for the title.

G. A. Y., St. Paul, Minn. — Is Lou E. Myers, the runner, dead?

Is there any book or history of the prize ring from the time of Figg up to date? — 1. Myers died on Wednesday, February 15, 1899. 2. "Fistiana." It is out of print.

K. D. H., West Superior, Wis. — A bet B that Bob Fitzsimmons, being born June 4, 1862, will be thirty-seven years old June 4, 1899. B bets he will be thirty-eight? — Thirty-seven. He begins his thirtieth year on June 4, 1899.

W. H. M., Vandalia, Mich. — In a contest, Queenberry rules, one is practically knocked out in the latter part of a round, say eight seconds before the gong, does the bell save him or is he counted out? — The gong saves him technically.

F. B. and G. M., Schenectady, N. Y. — How much money did Tug Wilson make when he fought John L. Sullivan? — What were the weights of Terry McGovern and Casper Leon in their last fight?

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Have I been building a fabric of fancy in Tom Sharkey's case?

Perhaps, and perhaps not, and yet I must confess to being disappointed in him, considering the position he now occupies in relation to Bob Fitzsimmons.

When he was proclaiming himself to be the legitimate successor to John L. Sullivan and, following in that magnificent hero's footsteps, signified his willingness, may intention, to fight Fitzsimmons as soon as possible so as to get the championship within his grasp, I allowed myself to believe that at last we had a candidate for the title whose interests, like Sullivan's first, last and always, was the ring, and who deserved to be encouraged.

O'Rourke is all right in saying that he and Sharkey want to make as much money as they can out of their theatrical ventures, and would not fight until the public lemon had been squeezed dry, but all this should have been considered before a proposition was made to Fitzsimmons to meet and arrange a match.

The fact must not be overlooked that the proposition came from Sharkey's camp, and having been made, it would have been politic on O'Rourke's part to have agreed to Julian's proposition to fight in June, and every other that the latter made, to facilitate a match.

To have done this would have been to firmly entrench his protege in the affections of the public and make him that popular idol that John L. was in the halcyon days of his career.

I don't blame Sharkey for making every dollar he can out of the game, and O'Rourke proved himself to be an able and clever manager in leading the able seaman up to a place where he can legitimately divide the honors with the champion of the world. But there is such a thing as taking one step too many, and that happened when he consented to meet Julian with the expectation that the latter would agree to a date away off in November.

Julian may not be the brainiest individual in the world, but it didn't require the intellect of a Webster to comprehend the weight of advantage that would accrue to Fitzsimmons by his insistence that the fight take place at once.

Julian grabbed at that like a sucker at a "green" ten, and played it for a trump card in winding up the negotiations.

I wonder what Fitz's next move would have been if O'Rourke had suddenly dropped the November end of the argument and consented to Julian's proposition to fight in June.

There would have been a contretemps, indeed!

Well, to sum it all up, O'Rourke refused to allow Sharkey to fight Fitz before next November. The latter forthwith signs to fight Jeffries—providing, of course, that a purse is forthcoming, and just at present none has been heard of except one of \$15,000, which has been made on behalf of a club which as yet only exists on paper.

Charley Mitchell, in writing to the "Police Gazette," says he expects to be matched to fight Sharkey in April, and will probably arrange to have it take place in England. This seems to endorse what O'Rourke says about a match having been arranged by the Boilingbrook Club.

"Live and let live" is a very good precept which the promoters of boxing in Chicago are seemingly not satisfied to observe. The game is obviously prospering that the original promoters object to any encroachment by outsiders, and the determination to oust any interlopers has become so strong that even Mayor Carter's influence has been brought into requisition by the insiders.

The trouble came through "Parson" Davies' efforts to bring off a six-round contest between Tom Sharkey and Jim Corbett. Associated with Davies in the enterprise was Sol Van Praag, an influential Chicago sporting man. Opposed to him is the Fort Dearborn A. C., which is represented by Tom Hauton and Sam Summerville; and the syndicate which is represented by Lou Houseman. Up to now things have been running along smoothly enough, with a fair allotment of dates, but the shoe began to pinch when Davies and Van Praag broke in with their "big show," and now a three-handed fight to a finish is going on which will, in all probability, result in Chicago being closed to boxing.

Major Harrison made a public announcement of his refusal to allow Sharkey and Corbett to meet in Chicago, and coincident with that Van Praag said he would apply to the courts for injunctions to restrain the clubs from holding any contests, and insists that no boxing shows shall be held.

Davies is under the impression that some enemies of his have been conspiring against him. He says:

"Of course, this means a stoppage of all boxing in Chicago, as there is both a State law and a city ordinance against even sparring, as well as prize fighting, the mayor having about as much right as I have to grant a permit; in fact, less right, as he has taken an oath to administer laws to our city. If I have been selected as a mark through political needs or for a political gall-ry play I feel that such a course will amount to but little, as the public can readily see through it. I have had a number of my entertainments stopped in Chicago, but this is the first time that I have made a protest. No matter what it costs me I have

always cheerfully paid all bills, looking hopefully to the future.

"I think the public will endorse me when I say that at any entertainment I have given they have always received their money's worth. Shortly after my last entertainment at Tattersall's, in which I lost \$2,000, I had every assurance from the powers that be, politically, that at any time I desired to give an entertainment I could do so. This offer was unsolicited on my part. I have been informed that this proposed show was stopped because Sharkey and Corbett are too strong."

"There isn't anything like going about a proposition in the right way," said Sam Harris, Terry McGovern's manager, the other day. "I have been criticised for not jumping at an offer which was made to me by the alleged American representative of the National Sporting Club of London to fight Pedlar Palmer. It was expected that we would be so flattered by being given this opportunity that we would pack our pie boxes and fly over on the very first ship that could get us there, but I decided to think a bit before deciding what to do, and it occurred to me that Palmer could wait until Terry cleaned up the list of aspiring bantams over here, and when we do go we will be in a position to attend to our own business and have money enough to get home in case things don't come our way. Billy Rotchford's experience is enough for me. We don't want any of it in ours."

Billy Rotchford, of whom Harris speaks, is the Chicago bantamweight who was induced about six months ago to go to London and fight Palmer. He listened to the attractive yarns invented by the so-called American representative of the National Sporting Club, which so fired his imagination that he couldn't get away from here fast enough. When he reached London he found that through a hitch, due to some defect in the arrangements, no match had been made for him. By the time everything was fixed up for him he was taken down sick and had to go to the hospital, where he lay neglected and forsaken, even by his trainer and the people who were instrumental in getting him to go over. When he got well enough to leave the hospital he was forced to accept the hospitality of the good people who kept the quarters at Chipperfields, where all the American boxers in England go to train, and now I learn that he is anxious to come back home but hasn't the needful to purchase his passage. There is some talk of getting up a little testimonial at the Greenwood Club of Brooklyn, for the purpose of getting together enough money to pay his bills and bring him back. I hope Rotchford's experience will be a warning to other fighters who are ambitious for a reputation abroad not to listen to the lurid promises that are held forth.

Away out in Youngstown, O., the other night, Jack O'Brien, a comparatively unknown boxer, secured a decision over Oscar Gardner. The report of the contest which reached here contained little in the way of details, and it was left to my imagination to supply what was lacking. First it occurred to me that Gardner and O'Brien had agreed to "split the money," and fight a draw, and that Gardner, in trying to even things up, pulled so hard that he deceived the inexperienced referee, who decided the battle upon its merits as he observed it. Then again it occurred to me that Gardner wanted another crack at one of those \$10,000 percentage houses at the Lenox Club and decided to let O'Brien outpoint him to ensure another meeting, and incidentally another grab at the New York coin, but Jack Dougherty, who handled O'Brien in the fight, came back the other day and informed me that no arrangement of any kind existed. He says he offered to split the money, but that Gardner, who thought he had an easy thing of winning, refused the proposition and insisted upon the purse being divided as originally agreed to. Dougherty furthermore says that O'Brien put it all over Gardner, and that the latter never was in the fight. This was a surprise to me for I never rated O'Brien as anything better than a good preliminary fighter, fairly clever, a good punisher and game enough to take a punching himself.

Defeat has not damped Gardner's ardor, however, for within the next month he will meet Bernstein, Johnny Van Heest, Sam Bolen, Martin Flaherty, and one or two other featherweights in limited-round bouts. He says he believes in keeping himself busy, so that he can get money while it is in sight. In disposition Gardner is quiet and unassuming. He likes a fight and believes that square tactics pay. He is not a stickler for conditions governing his contests, but says he can box "any old way."

"I would like to meet McGovern at 115 pounds," he said, "or Palmer at 118, 120, 122 or any other weight. I would also enjoy another chance at George Dixon, especially as my hands are fine just now."

Al Woods, who decamped from Bridgeport, Conn., with all the receipts of the Maher-Conroy show

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that he could get his hands upon, can enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that he has about brought boxing matters to an end in that city. Last week Jack Rose engaged Tommy West and Jack Bonner to box under his management for a purse of \$1,200. When he applied to the Bridgeport authorities for a permit he learned that since the Al Woods fiasco they had made the rule that a bond for the amount of the purse must be deposited with the city. The bond of \$1,200 was not forthcoming, and Rose telegraphed back to New York that the match was off so far as Bridgeport is concerned. It is not an easy matter to conduct boxing matches on the plan that all of the purse must be posted before the fighters go on. It has always been the custom to rely upon the sale of seats to pay the fighters the purse, and before a reputable club the fighters have always been perfectly willing to agree to such an arrangement, for if the sale of seats did not make up the entire purse the members of the club would make it good from their pockets. All is changed now since Al Woods revolutionized boxing contests in Bridgeport. So do not look for any boxing in that lively sporting centre for some time to come.

In other parts of the State of Connecticut the boxing game is flourishing under more substantial auspices than ever before. This is noticeably true about Hartford and New Haven, where bouts are held weekly. So satisfactory have the receipts been in the former city that Bill Crowley, the manager and matchmaker of the Nutmeg State Athletic Club, feels him justified in offering \$15,000 for the Sharkey-Fitzsimmons fight and post a \$5,000 forfeit to pull off the contest. Now, what is fairer than that? As Dick Howell says: "A \$5,000 forfeit that a match will be pulled off is what talks, and there are not many forfeits of that amount being put up nowadays, let me tell you."

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FLAHERTY KNOCKS McBRIDE OUT.

Danny McBride's usefulness as a fighter seems to have gone. Last Thursday night at the Greenwood Club in Brooklyn he was knocked out by Martin Flaherty in five rounds.

The men had agreed to fight at 126 pounds, but McBride, who was fat and in no condition to enter the ring, could not make the weight. Flaherty agreed to fight him at catch weights.

From the start it could be seen that McBride was no match for Flaherty, who punched him when and where he pleased, knocking him down ten times in the five rounds.

When leaving the ring McBride was cheered by the crowd for his gameness. The first preliminary, ten rounds, was won by Tony Moran, who got the decision over Kid Thomas on points. Pete Burke and Tony Lewis fought a ten-round draw.

CARTER PERSISTED IN FOULING.

Referee Schwegler Stopped the Bout and Gave Billy Ernst the Fight.

After losing a fight on a foul to Joe Gaus last week in Buffalo, Billy Ernst "the Fighting Dutchman" went over to the Greenwood Club in Brooklyn, on Feb. 11, and won a battle from Kid Carter in the same manner. They agreed not to strike in clinches and break clean. Carter began in shambling fashion, and reached Ernst with a heavy left under the chin. Ernst stepped back and swung the right, but the Kid got in close and avoided the full effects of the blow. Just as the gong clanged Ernst landed the left flush on Carter's eye, raising a big lump. Carter was aggressive in the second, but Ernst, who was trying to get home his right, smashed Carter flush on the chin with strong force. The punch stunned the Kid, and his legs commenced to shake. Carter made Ernst wince in the third with his left, and sent the Dutchman half way across the ring with a well-aimed swing. Ernst, after some good feinting, knocked Carter down with the right alongside the head. The fourth was exciting. Carter, who was very shifty, staggered Ernst with the right. Billy, by good generalship, pulled himself together by ducking and clinching. Carter was anxious to finish his rival, but lost his strength in random swings.

Carter started rushing in the fifth, but Ernst kept him in check with clean punches on the mouth. Carter scored a good one on the face with the left, and Billy jumped back. Carter was after him, and they roughed it toward the ropes. The referee tried to part the men, but Carter insisted upon hitting and was warned. When they were parted Carter led with both hands. He floundered all over the ring and banged away in wild style. Near the ropes they clinched, and Carter refused to break when ordered. Referee Schwegler stopped hostilities and gave the decision to Ernst on a foul.

In the preliminary bouts Tom Kearns won from Billy Moore in the sixth round, and Billy Barrett almost put Tommy McDermott out.

EXPERTS THOUGHT DAVE SULLIVAN WON.

Marty McCue Put Up a Splendid Fight Toward the End of the Bout.

Local boxing experts are about evenly divided over the merits of the decision which Referee Frank Herald rendered in the 20-round fight between Marty McCue and Dave Sullivan, which took place on Feb. 11 at Johnny Reagan's Pelican Athletic Club of South Brooklyn, N. Y. Herald called it a draw, but many conservative judges believe that Sullivan should have received the verdict. McCue put up a good fight. With a left-hand jab for the face he marked Sullivan's physiognomy and made the blood flow from mouth, nose and beneath the eyes, but the strikes with that left jab were only enough to break the skin, and were rendered only from defensive standpoint. Sullivan was always the aggressor. He was in, on top and all over his man from the very start. In eighteen rounds out of the twenty he punished McCue in the stomach and ribs with both right and left in a manner that made the onlookers wonder how McCue stood it. Dave did all the forcing in all those rounds, but McCue was evidently in the best of form, and took it bravely, giving back with that left jab for the face as often as he could. Sullivan's leads and forcing work, most judges

said, won the decision for him, but Referee Herald made it a draw.

In the opening bout Frank Casey, of New York, punched Jack Vance of Brooklyn, so hard in three rounds that the contest was stopped and the decision given to Casey. Vance was practically out.

GOOD BOXING IN CHICAGO.

McKeever and Moffatt Get Decisions Over Farns and Scaldy Bill Quinn.

Some lively six-round bouts were held at Tattersall's, Chicago, on Feb. 7. After a few preliminaries, in which Walter Bloom got the decision over Kid Ryan, and Steve Flanagan won the verdict over Henry Harris, Mystery George Kerwin and Young Mahoney of Philadelphia boxed six rounds, which ended in the latter's favor. Then came the events of the evening.

Lightweights McKeever of New York, and Farns of Kansas City, went six rounds, McKeever getting the decision. Both men were cautious in the first round, and little was done. In the second McKeever sent in a few lefts on the neck, Farns evening up by painting McKeever's ribs with right jabs. McKeever cut the Kansas City man's left eye in the third with a straight left, and near the end of the round sent in a punch on the chin that staggered Farns. McKeever had all the better of the fourth, beating a tattoo on Farns' sore eye and ribs.

Farns did better in the fifth, sending in three straight lefts on McKeever's mouth that jarred the latter considerably, but in the sixth McKeever clearly outfought his man and easily earned the decision.

Jack Moffatt of Chicago, and Scaldy Bill Quinn of New York, wound up the programme. Moffatt had far the better of it up to the last round, putting Quinn down in the second and fifth. Quinn brought blood from Moffatt's nose in the last round and staggered his man with a stomach blow. Referee Siler gave the bout to Moffatt.

GARDNER DEFEATED BY O'BRIEN.

The Omaha Kid Did Not Fight Up to His Form and Lost the Battle.

A special from Youngstown, O., on Feb. 14 says: Jack O'Brien, of New York, received the decision over Oscar Gardner here last night. The contest went the limit—twenty rounds. The outcome was a big surprise. Gardner was a top-heavy favorite in the betting, and was generally looked upon as a handy winner. The Omaha Kid did not fight in his usual fast and clever style, and Eastern sporting men were at a loss to account for his showing. They said that his battle with O'Brien was an exceedingly tame exhibition as compared with the rushing fight he put up against Sally Smith in New York last week, when he made the Los Angeles boxer stop in six rounds. In O'Brien he met a man who is not a clever boxer, but a good fighter.

Gardner prefers a scientific man, whom he can draw on and get within his defense, whereas last night he faced a man who throws science to the winds and fights as fast as he knows how from the tap of the gong. O'Brien had the advantage in height and reach, and was pounds the heavier. It was a lightweight against a legitimate feather, and the weight told. Gardner was not much disturbed over the defeat. Had it been a fight of importance the Kid would not have made a match that favored his opponent in almost every essential detail. With O'Brien at weight, Gardner would have reversed matters. The fight will go on record against Gardner, but will not spoil his future engagements with big men.

PUGILIST WITH HEART TROUBLE.

News comes from San Francisco, Cal., of a fight which took place on Feb. 11, in which another fatality was narrowly escaped. John Farrell and Jack O'Brien met in a six-round glove contest before the Mission A. C. In the sixth round Farrell received a blow on the shoulder which appeared to be only a slight tap. He fell and was counted out. It was feared that he would die. An affection of the heart aggravated by excitement was assigned as the cause of his collapse. Farrell walked out of the receiving hospital the next day, apparently little the worse for his punishment. The physicians stated that Farrell has a weak heart. They advised Farrell to eschew the ring, to which the pugilist very readily consented.

Mike Sears has arrived in New York from England. He has challenged Paty Sweeney of Manchester, N. H.

Dick O'Brien, the middleweight of Boston, who was recently beaten by Jack Bonner, has been matched to meet Jack Burke, another Boston fighter, for twenty rounds at the Greenwood A. C., Brooklyn, next Saturday night.

Tommy White, the Chicago featherweight, who is without a doubt one of the cleverest boxers in this country, has been secured to meet Jack O'Brien of New York city, for fifteen rounds at the People's Athletic Club of Cincinnati, on Feb. 27.

Jack Daly of Wilmington, Del., and Ed Bennett of Dayton, fought eleven hot rounds at Fairview, O., on Feb. 10, Daly winning with a left-hand swing on the jaw that sent the Dayton man to the floor. Before Bennett could be counted out his seconds threw up the sponge. The men were to fight twenty rounds.

Prof. John H. Clark, manager of the Quaker City Athletic Club, Philadelphia, is anxious to get men to meet the following boxers he has on his list: Joe Golden, 110 pounds; Joe Fairburn and Adam Ryan, 125 pounds; George Franklin, 135 pounds; George Cole, 140 pounds; Jack O'Brien and Charley Johnson, 145 pounds. The club will arrange for contests on either percentage or guarantee terms. All bouts to be six rounds, no decisions.

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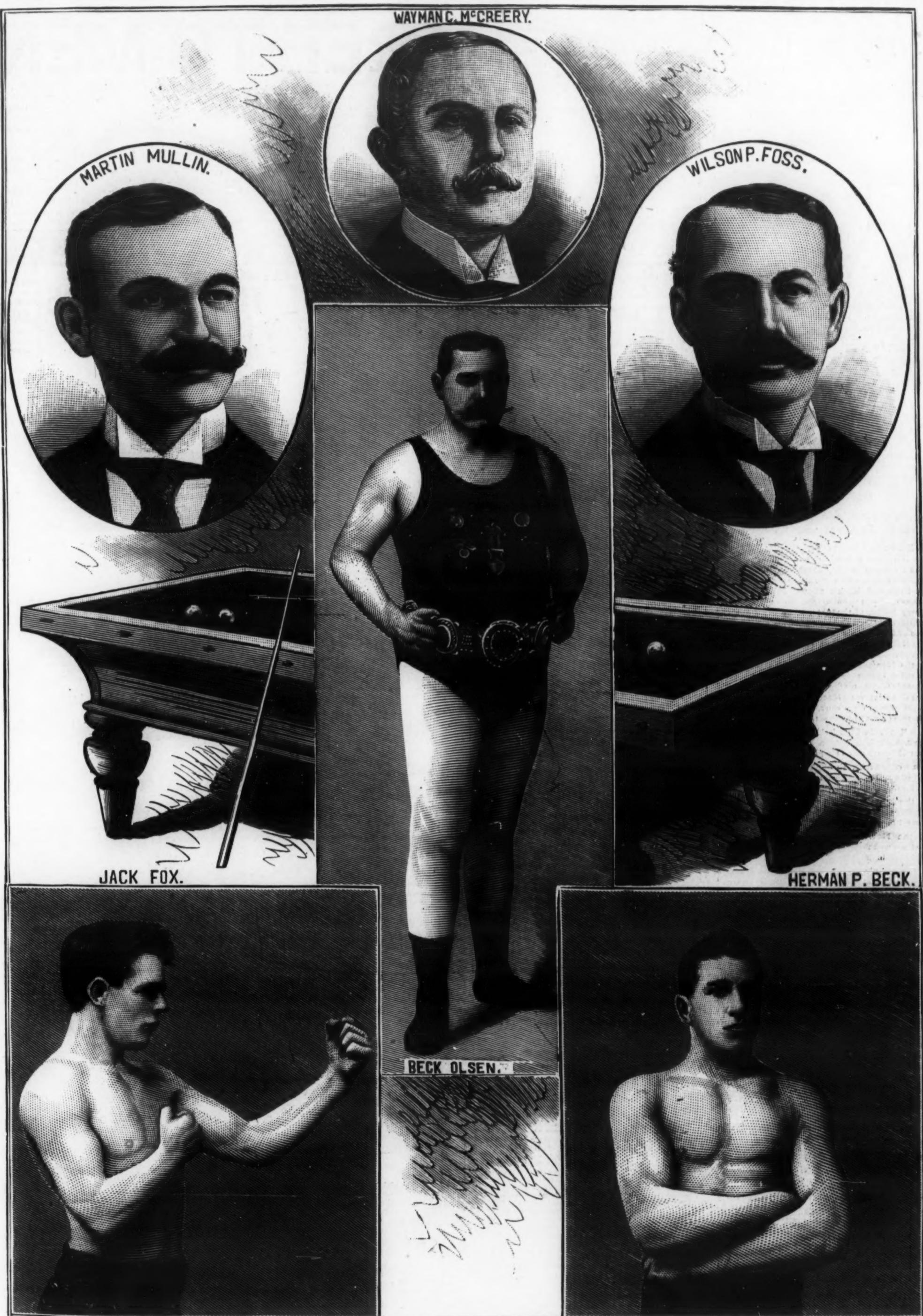
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On Fisher & Mick's alleys, Columbus, Ohio, the Dazzlers won two out of three from the Footpads.

Harry Diehl, of the Arts, by rolling 298, captured the Individual tourney record at Cincinnati, O.

The Manhattan's score of 63 against the Echos is the highest to date in the Carruthers series, Brooklyn.

In the Newspaper League series the "Sun" team rolled 1310, the record high score for the series, on Thum's Germania alleys.

The Charlestown (Mass.) five, by defeating the Calumet team of Winchester, captured second place in the Boston (Mass.) League series.

The Roseville Club hold all the high honors in the Athletic League series. The Newark representatives will carry off all the prizes.

The Brunswicks, through Capt. Hartung, have arranged a match series with the Plain Citys, and will leave for Columbus, O., this week.

On the Boat Club alleys at Arlington, Mass., the Old Belfry team won the series from the Arlingtons. Tower rolling 209 in the last game.

At the Newtowns (Mass.) Club alleys, the home team won three from the Jeffries, landing them in first place in the Inter-Club series.

The Head-pin series on Brinkuma's alleys, Fifty-seventh street and Sixth avenue, is proving a drawing card for these well-known alleys.

The Fidelias won the Arlington Hall tourney. Aurora was second, and the Manhattan, Pioneer and Harmonic in third, fourth and fifth places.

A. J. Lloyd & Co.'s team won two of the three from Brown, Durrell & Co., in the Mercantile League series on the Warren alleys, Roxbury, Mass.

The Lochinvars, in a regular scheduled tourney game against the Hill Tops at Cincinnati, O., created a new record for that city by rolling 1026.

The Greater Cincinnati (Ohio) Club will journey to Louisville, Ky., and formally open the Oneida alleys with a match series against local players.

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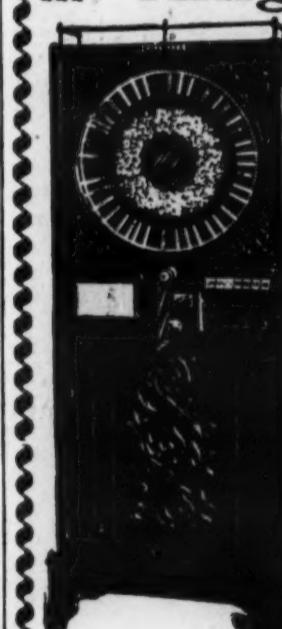
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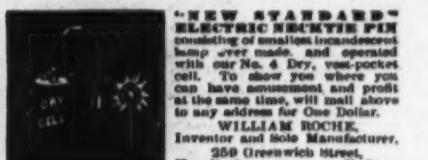
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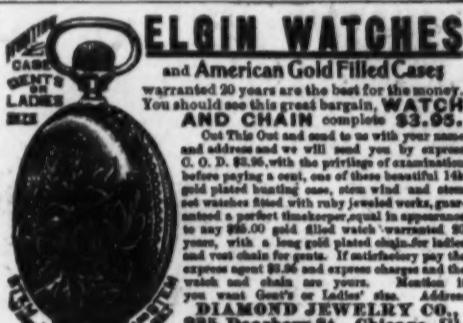
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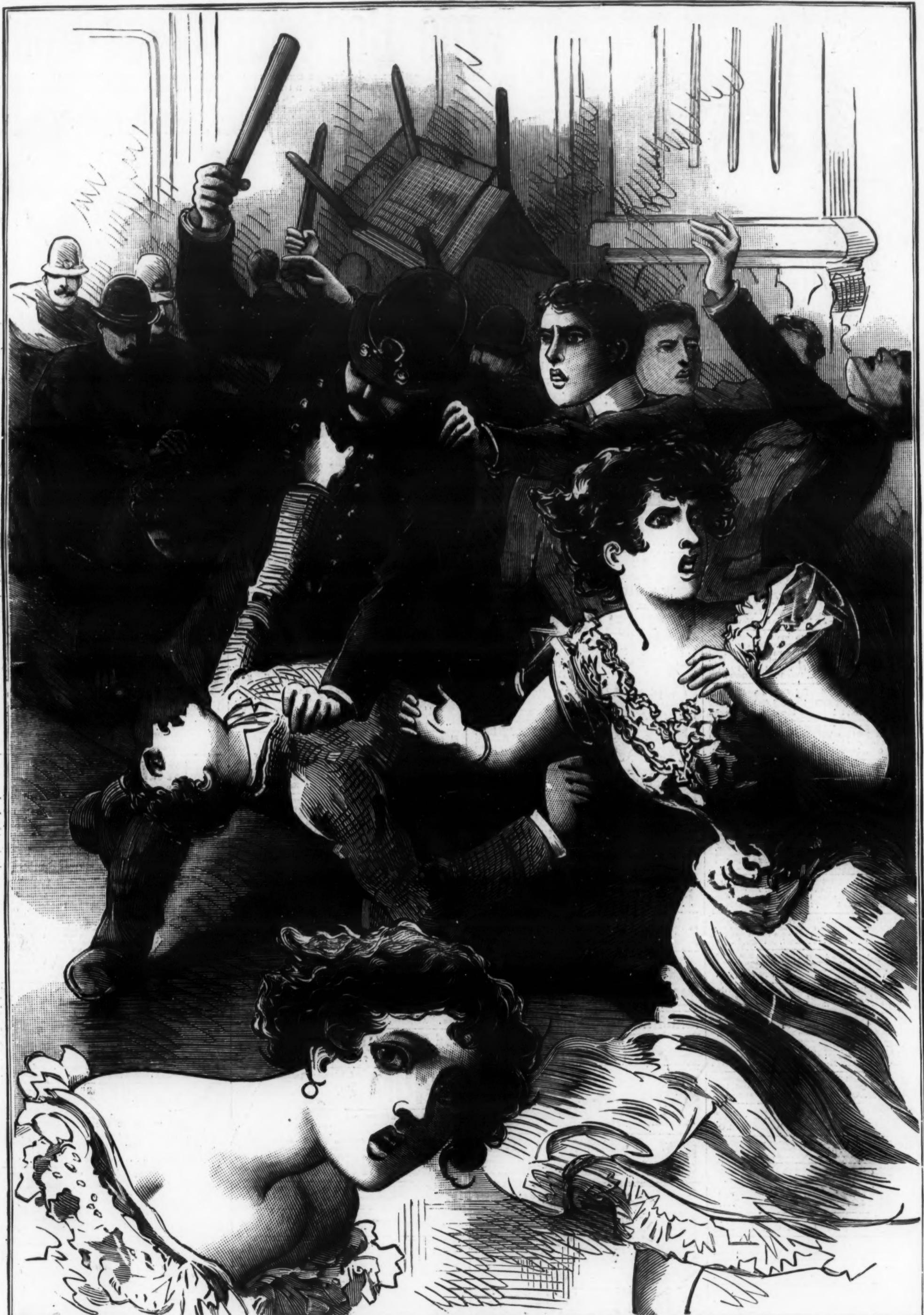
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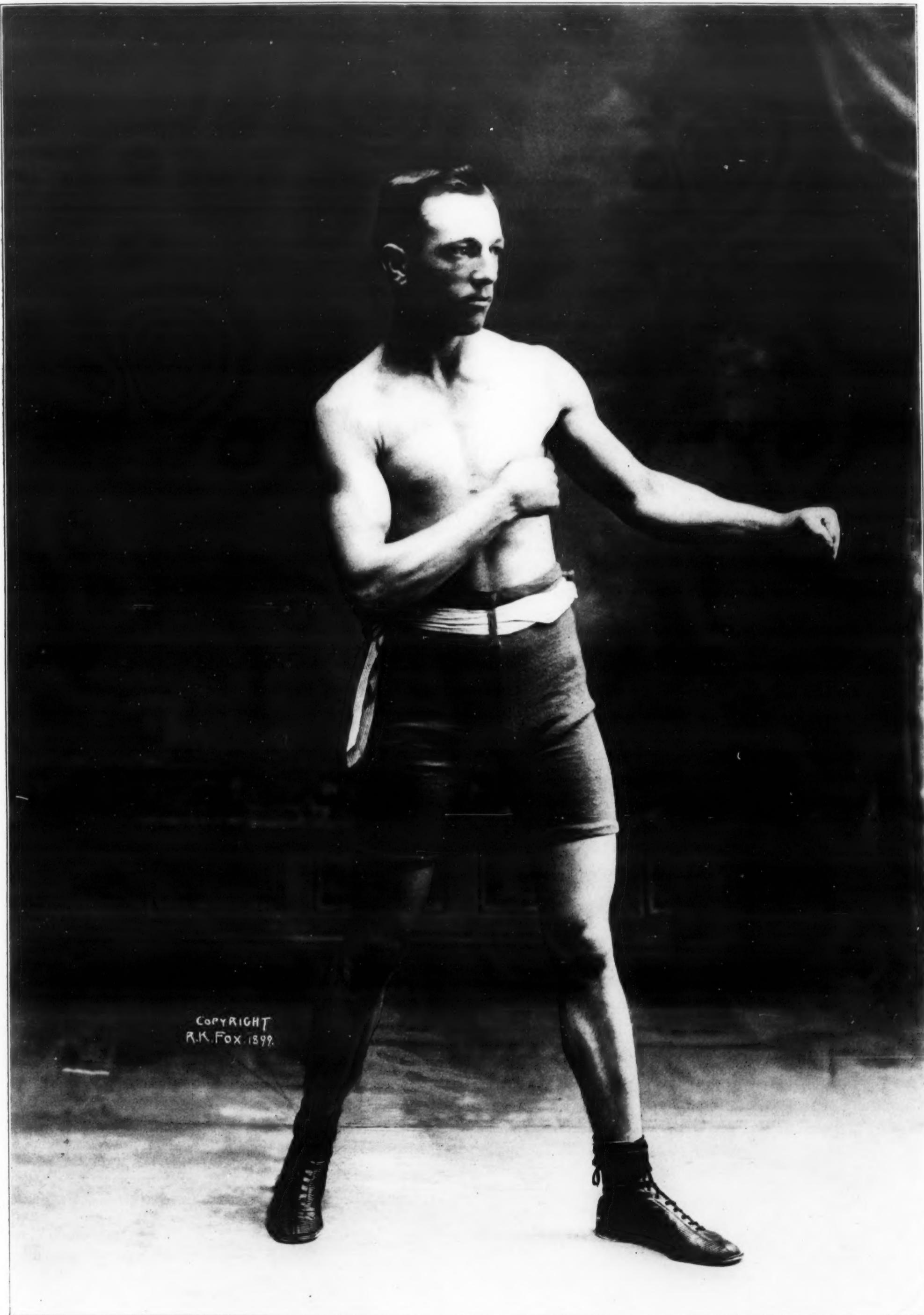
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